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R 241054Z FEB 77  
FM AMEMBASSY SOFIA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2433  
INFO: RUEABND/DEA HQS WASHDC  
US CUSTOMS WASHDC  
AMEMBASSY VIENNA  
AMEMBASSY ROME

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STATE FOR S/NM AND EUR/EE; DEA FOR TRI; CUSTOMS FOR  
IOD; VIENNA FOR DEA; ROME FOR CUSTOMS ATTACHE

E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: SNAR, BU, PFOR  
SUBJECT: NARCOTICS TRAINING FACILITIES: BULGARIA

REF: A. 76 STATE 284346  
B. 76 STATE 008917  
C. SOFIA A-80, JULY 18, 1975 (NOTAL)  
D. SOFIA 0072 (NOTAL)  
E. US CUSTOMS 0305 (NOTAL)

1. NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING IN BULGARIA TAKES  
PLACE UNDER CONTROL OF BULGARIAN CUSTOMS, PART OF  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE. POLICE AND POLICE TRAINING FALL  
UNDER JURISDICTION OF MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS.  
A US PROPOSAL THAT FUTURE NARCOTICS TRAINING TAKE PLACE  
WITHIN CURRICULA OF POLICE TRAINING INSTITUTIONS  
(PARA 1 REF A) WOULD BE HIGHLY INAPPROPRIATE, RECEIVED  
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BADLY BY GOB, AND MIGHT WELL KILL OFF USEFUL COOPERATION  
NOW TAKING PLACE BETWEEN DEA/US CUSTOMS/EMBASSY AND  
BULGARIAN CUSTOMS NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION OFFICIALS.  
EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT PRESENT EFFECTIVE REGIME  
OF ANNUAL US CUSTOMS TRAINING FOR BULGARIAN CUSTOMS  
OFFICIALS CONTINUE AS PLANNED, FOR EXAMPLE, THIS YEAR.  
(REFS D AND E).

2. NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING REMAINS STRONG INTEREST BUT NOT HIGH PRIORITY ITEM FOR GOB. FOR EXAMPLE, DESPITE CONTINUING INCREASE IN TRAFFIC ACROSS ITS BORDERS, BULGARIAN CUSTOMS TOO UNDERWENT 10 PERCENT (IN 1976) OF SCHEDULED ACROSS-THE-BOARD GOB 25-30 PERCENT RIF. THIS OCCURRED IN A YEAR IN WHICH NUMBER OF TRUCKS CROSSING BULGARIA'S BORDERS REACHED REPORTED 300,000 AND NUMBER OF NARCOTICS SEIZURES AND AMOUNT SEIZED SET NEW RECORDS. FOR INTERNATIONAL AND INTERNAL REASONS, BULGARIA IS THUS NOT GOING TO BE INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING SELF-SUFFICIENT NARCOTICS TRAINING PROGRAM WITH US AT THIS TIME.

3. EMBASSY PROVIDED TRAINING ASSESSMENT PAPER WITH FY-77 NCAP SUBMISSION (REF C) AND NO SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN SITUATION HERE HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THEN. (COPY POUCHED TO S/NM.) US CUSTOMS OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN TRAINING PROGRAMS IN BULGARIA CAN PROVIDE MORE DETAILED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION REGARDING BULGARIAN NARCOTICS TRAINING GAINED THROUGH THEIR DIRECT EXPERIENCE OF WORKING IN BULGARIAN CUSTOMS TRAINING PROGRAMS.  
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